

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2232 - HB 2317

April 1, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health care providers to arrange for each pregnant woman to be tested for HIV early in the pregnancy and again in the third trimester of such pregnancy, unless she refuses in writing; requires a woman who does not have a documented negative HIV test in the third trimester to be tested through a rapid HIV test, unless she refuses in writing; providers no longer will report each month to the Department of Health the number of women tested and the number of positive results.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, each month the Department of Health compiles the reports and publishes the total number of women tested and the total number of women testing positive in the previous month for the entire state and for each county. The deletion of this requirement will not result in a significant decrease in state expenditures.
- The Department will also no longer be required to provide educational materials, such as written materials and videos, to providers for the use on counseling pregnant women on the dangers of HIV to an unborn child and a new born infant. This change will not result in a significant decrease in state expenditures.
- The Department will not incur a significant increase in state expenditures to inform health care providers of the regulation changes. Any increase will be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director